

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Victoria F. Sheehan Commissioner

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Ms. Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator NH Site Evaluation Committee 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

Subject: Northern Pass Transmission, LLC & Public Service of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy – Docket No. 2015-06

Dear Ms. Monroe:

I'm writing in response to your request of October 26, 2015 concerning the Department of Transportation's review of Northern Pass Transmission, LLC and Public Service of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy's application to the NH Site Evaluation Committee (Docket No. 2015-06). The Department recently received the application and has reviewed it to determine if there is sufficient information to consider the issuance of permits.

The Department has had numerous meetings with representatives of Northern Pass Transmission, LLC and their consultants. Given the complex nature of this project, the Department anticipates executing a Use and Occupancy Agreement for the entire project within state-maintained rights-of-way (ROW). This agreement will govern the general conditions by which the utility will occupy the ROW.

As the final design progresses, there will be several opportunities for the Department to review and approve the excavation permits, driveway permits, aerial crossing agreements and licenses. Therefore, the information in the application is sufficient for us to initiate the permitting process.

Sincerely,

Victoria F. Sheehan Commissioner

cc: D. Rodrigue

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